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TOPIC Military Information from Chemnitz

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 16 August 1952

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DATE PREPARED 30 September 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 4 through 9 August 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on the east side of Leninstrasse in Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) quartered about 120 officers, including 1 general, and 900 to 1,000 men, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The general, the commander of the unit, was billeted at 76 Leninstrasse. Six officers and 100 men were daily detached to guard duties in the Sigmara area.

2. During the period from 4 through 9 August, the Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse quartered 400 to 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 80 officers having ranks from junior lieutenant to and including major. No training activities were observed.

3. During the period from 10 through 16 August, the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse was occupied to capacity by 500 to 600 men, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Details of up to 100 men were seen daily practicing with gasmasks at the obstacle course for periods of three hours at a time. *
4. During the period from 10 through 16 August, the Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse was partially occupied by a small unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 craftsmen were observed reconditioning the quarters. **
5. During the period from 10 through 16 August, the barracks installations in Ebersdorf quartered 200 to 300 men, who wore red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets. ***

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6. On 7 August, the western section of the barracks installations in Ebersdorf quartered 300 to 400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Most of the soldiers observed were recruits. The commanding officer of the unit was a major, [redacted]. The eastern section of the installation quartered about 450 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets and about 50 wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the soldiers seen at this installation were recruits. On 5 August, about 100 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets fell in in the yard of the installation. Thirty men wearing black-bordered black epaulets were conducting combat training at the drill ground, and 150 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried rifles and light assault equipment marched in groups of about 30 each to the drill ground. On 6 August, about 180 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in combat training in platoons. [redacted]

7. During the period from 5 through 7 August, the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse was occupied to capacity by a unit whose soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. All the windows of the installation were lighted in the evening hours. [redacted]

8. On 7 August, the Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse quartered soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. [redacted]

* [redacted] Comment. There was no change in the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne, in the western section of the block of barracks buildings on the east side of Leninstrasse. [redacted]

the billets of the general were previously known. [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. In mid-August, apparently only light elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div were stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne. Units of this division were observed participating in the command-post exercise held in the Finsterwalde-Littenberg area. [redacted]

*** [redacted] Comment. Motor transport units of the Wisnut AG and an unidentified engineer battalion are believed to be stationed in the barracks installations at Ebersdorf.

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